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Mr. John Zapien
5148 Washington Street
Denver, CO 80126

Dear John:

I am writing to let you know that we have reached a point where we must proceed with our decision about placement of VBI-70 soils at the Asarco Globe Plant Site. During our phone conversation on October 9th, you indicated that we would hear from you the following week to set up a time to discuss community concerns. We have not yet heard from you.

Based on staff conversations with other community members both at the public meeting on October 1st and on other occasions, we have concluded that we generally have support for the concept of soil placement. Several specific concerns, however, have been voiced. The first is for diligent air monitoring to assure the community that no re-contamination occurs during the transportation and placement process. The second is that we route truck traffic away from residential areas and advise drivers to exercise extreme caution. We will work with EPA to ensure that these concerns are addressed. If you have additional concerns that you would like to discuss with us, please feel free to contact me at (303) 692-3395 to arrange for a meeting or conference call. If we do not hear from you by Friday, November 7th, we will assume that you have nothing further to add.

As always, the Health Department is interested in working with the community and will be available as the project progresses to address any additional concerns that may arise. Thank you for your participation in our public process.

Sincerely,

Barbara O'Grady
State Project Manager

Cc: Ginny Brannon, AGO
Victor Kettalapper, EPA